

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A resin-coated metal sheet comprising: a metal sheet; a lower resin layer containing a hydrophilic copolyester, formed on at least one side of the metal sheet; and an upper resin layer containing a copolyester derived from a diol component composed of 1 to 10% by mole of a diol derivative of alicyclic compound and 99 to 90% by mole of ethylene glycol, with a dicarboxylic acid component consisting of terephthalic acid, formed on the lower resin layer, the sum of a cyclic trimer of alkylene terephthalate being contained in the upper resin layer and the lower resin layer being 0.9% or less by mass.

2. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 1, wherein the diol derivative of alicyclic compound is a diol derivative of cycloparaffin.

3. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 2, wherein the diol derivative of cycloparaffin is 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol.

4. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic copolyester is a copolyalkylene terephthalate containing 1 to 10% by mole of aromatic dicarboxylic acid having metal sulfonate group as the dicarboxylic acid component.

5. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the lower resin layer is in a range from 0.5 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 1, wherein the plane orientation factor of the upper resin layer is in a range from 0.01 to 0.05.

7. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 1, wherein each of the upper resin layer and the lower resin layer is a biaxially stretched polyester film having the crystal size on the (100) plane in a range from 6 to 8 nm, determined by X-ray diffractometry.

8. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 1, further comprising a third resin layer containing a polyester containing any of 0.1 to 2% by mass of wax and 0.1 to

5% by mass of olefin resin, formed on the metal sheet on opposite side to the side of the upper and the lower resin layers.

9. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 8, wherein the plane orientation factor of the third resin layer is in a range from 0.02 to 0.06.

10. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 8, wherein the third resin layer is a biaxially stretched polyphthalate ester which has the relaxation time T1? of 150 msec or more at 1,4 position carbons of benzene ring, determined by structural analysis of solid high resolution NMR.

11. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 10, wherein the zone in the third resin layer having 0.02 or smaller double refractive index is a zone less than 5  $\mu\text{m}$  of depth from the interface with the metal sheet.

12. (currently amended) The resin-coated metal sheet according to any of claims 1 to 11 [[12]], wherein at least one layer selected from the group consisting of the upper resin layer, the lower resin layer, and the third resin layer contains a coloring matter.

13. (original) The resin-coated metal sheet according to claim 12, wherein the coloring matter is a dis-azo organic pigment.

14. (original) A resin-coated metal sheet for container, comprising a metal sheet and a resin layer containing a polyester as the main component, being formed on at least one side of the metal sheet, the resin layer being an accumulated resin layer having an upper layer and a lower layer contacting the metal sheet, the upper layer of the resin layer being formed by a polyester containing a dicarboxylic acid component mainly composed of terephthalic acid and a glycol component mainly composed of ethylene glycol and 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol, while the content of the 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol in the total glycol component being in a range from 1 to 10% by mole, the lower layer of the resin layer being formed by a hydrophilic copolyester, and the content of oligomer (cyclic trimer) in the accumulated resin being in a range from 0.3 to 0.9% by mass.